

Ontario Works Discretionary Benefit Program

The following items and services are available to **Ontario Works** individuals and families.

Benefit or Service	Description/Criteria	What to Do?
Basic Dental Services for Adults (excluding dentures)	Eligible for basic dental services as per City of Peterborough Schedule of Dental Services and Fees or the City of Peterborough Schedule of Dental Hygienist Services and Fees. Approval required from the Dental Plan Administrator for “pre-determination” of any procedures that exceed \$600 per treatment plan per adult in a calendar year.	Submit your dental card to your dentist. Your dentist will send the bill to the Dental Administrator.
Dentures	Coverage for a maximum of \$850 per upper (maxillary) and \$850 per lower (mandibular) denture for OW clients, every 5 years, when prescribed to relieve pain or for medical or therapeutic purposes or to increase employability.	Submit a denture estimate to your case manager.
Vision Care	Eye Glasses: Coverage for a maximum of \$350 in a 24 month period for the cost of eye glasses and an additional \$300 within the 24 months for the replacement of lenses if there is a change in prescription. Glasses may also be replaced if lost or destroyed at a cost up to \$300 during the 24-month period. Eye Exam: Eye exams are covered once every twenty four months if you are in receipt of Ontario Works.	Eye glasses: Submit a copy of a prescription and an estimate to your case manager Eye exam: Show your Ontario Health Card and a copy of your OW statement. Providing this information will cover the cost of the exam.
Prosthetic Appliances	Coverage for the cost of prosthetic appliances not covered under any other program up to a maximum of \$300 per item. Coverage includes braces, orthotics alerting devices for hearing impaired and air conditioners for severe asthmatics.	Submit a copy of a prescription and an estimate to your case manager
Hearing Aids and Batteries	Eligible for up to \$500 per hearing aid in a 3 year period; and for on-going costs of hearing aid batteries up to \$15/month and for an additional \$500/ 3 year period for the replacement of hearing aids if there is a significant change in prescription.	Submit a copy of the audiologist report and an estimate. If you have a copy of the Assistive Device Program application, please include it.
Travel and Transportation	Coverage for a subsidy of \$34/ month for adults, not eligible for other funding to purchase a 30 day City transit pass. The adult will pay \$26.	Take your current statement of assistance to the City bus terminal on Simcoe St and pay your portion towards the cost of the bus pass.
Funeral and Burial Services	If the deceased does not have available income or assets including life insurance then Social Services may assist with up to \$1,680 plus taxes towards the cost of a cremation. This cost does not include visitation or a service.	The next of kin is to contact the case manager to review the eligibility for this service.
Recreation and social activities subsidies for children	Provides up to \$200 for each dependent child in a calendar year to participate in recreational or social activities.	Submit your verification to your case manager.

Please note the items, services and amounts listed are subject to change based on available funding. Any benefit that is issued in a month may be considered an overpayment if it is determined that you are not eligible for basic financial assistance in that month.

For more details, please visit our website at www.peterborough.ca/SocialServices